
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2018

Fiscal Services Division

December 13, 2017



Ground Floor, State Capitol Building

Des Moines, Iowa 50319

515.281.3566

Transportation Maps — Primary Road Fund

Purpose and History

The first transportation map authorized and printed by the State of Iowa was completed in 1919. The transportation map included the federal aid road system, the county road system, and the township road system. The map was prepared by the Women's Drafting Department of the Transportation Commission using various government maps and detailed field information. Prior to the initial map publication, drivers depended on travel guides published by private organizations that used their own maps and numbering systems.

Since the first official publication, the State has been involved at various levels of preparing and printing Iowa transportation maps. The tourist-sized printed copies of the latest edition of the Iowa Transportation Map are available at the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT), driver's license stations, district offices, and rest stop areas. In addition, the DOT provides transportation maps to the Iowa Department of Economic Development for distribution to the State's 19 welcome centers, various tourist locations, and travel packets that are available on request. An electronic version of the transportation map, accompanied by an assortment of city detail maps, is also available on the DOT website.

State Funding

After the FY 2015 appropriation, the DOT shifted to a two-year production cycle, leading to an overall reduction of approximately 500,000 maps per year and an elimination of appropriations from the Primary Road Fund in even-numbered years. The appropriation for printing transportation maps in FY 2017 was \$242,000. The amount provided for the production of 1.8 million maps at 14.5 cents per map. The next appropriation will occur in FY 2019.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Administrative Code [761—28](#)

More Information

Iowa DOT Transportation Map: www.iowadot.gov/iowamap.htm
LSA Staff Contact: Michael Guanci (515.725.1286) michael.guanci@legis.iowa.gov